

App. No. 10/784,539

Reply to Office Action of December 6, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application, and all of those claims have been rejected. A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) is used to overcome the rejection.

I. Specification Objection

The disclosure was objected to on the basis that the phrase "now U.S. Patent No. 6,750,661 B2 issued on June 15, 2004" must be added. Appropriate correction has been made, as is reflected in the Amendment to the Specification on page 2 of this paper.

II. Claim rejections under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting

Claims 1-20 were rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-66 of U.S. Patent No. 6,750,661 B2. A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) accompanies this Office action response. As indicated in the disclaimer, U.S. Patent No. 6,750,661 B2 is commonly owned with this application.

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Conclusion

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants believe all the pending claims are in condition for allowance and should be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would in any way expedite the prosecution of the application, please do not hesitate to call the undersigned attorney.

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